



U.S. Congressman Hal Rogers

Serving Kentucky's 5th Congressional District since 1981, Hal Rogers is currently in his 18th term representing the people of southern and eastern Kentucky, and is the longest serving Kentucky Republican ever elected to federal office. Focused on economic development, job creation, fighting illegal drug use and preserving the natural treasures of Appalachia, Rogers has a reputation for listening to his constituents and fighting for the interests of the region where he was raised. Nationally, as Chairman of the powerful House Appropriations Committee, his focus is on reducing the size and scope of the government by reining in federal spending, conducting rigorous but thoughtful oversight of federal agencies, and restoring fiscal discipline and transparency to our budget process.

Born in rural Kentucky and representing one of the poorest Congressional Districts in the nation, Rogers' vision for a stronger region spurred some of the greatest success stories in southern and eastern Kentucky. Organizations such as PRIDE, Operation UNITE, Southeast Kentucky

Economic Development (SKED), TOUR Southern and Eastern Kentucky (TOUR SEKY), and The Center for Rural Development have brought local communities together by revitalizing the environment, providing hope in the fight against drugs, building small businesses, and creating jobs by increasing tourism in one of the most beautiful regions of the country.

Throughout Rogers' 30-year tenure on the Appropriations Committee, he has served on eight different subcommittees, including leadership roles as Chairman or Ranking Member of three. Rogers was tapped in 2003 to lead the newly established Subcommittee on Homeland Security. Through this important role, Rogers fought to ensure our first responders received the funds necessary to protect against terrorist threats; demanded tough answers from FEMA in the wake of federal responses to wildfires, hurricanes and flash floods; and insisted on enforcement of our country's immigration laws and stronger border security.

Due in large part to his reputation for tough oversight and tenacity in holding federal agencies and Department heads accountable for excessive spending and growth, Rogers was again selected as Chairman of the full House Appropriations Committee at the beginning of the 114th Congress. As Chairman, Rogers has led the Congress to reduce discretionary spending by an historic amount, cutting \$165 billion in discretionary spending since 2010. Rogers has also restored a culture on the Committee for serious budget oversight and transparency in process.

Whether Rogers is on Capitol Hill ensuring the appropriate use of taxpayer dollars, fighting to secure the homeland, scrutinizing federal government agencies, or home in southern and eastern Kentucky working to make a difference in the lives of the individuals he represents, Rogers remains committed to being a strong voice in Congress for fiscal responsibility, economic

development, a strong national defense, and a prosperous future for America.

Committee Assignments

House Appropriations Committee (Chairman)

House Republican Steering Committee

Previous Committee Assignments

House Energy and Commerce Committee (1981-1982)

House Budget Committee (1987-1992)



U.S. Congressman Pete Visclosky

Pete Visclosky proudly represents the First Congressional District of Indiana, which includes Lake, Porter, and parts of LaPorte Counties. Throughout his time in office, Pete has worked to improve the quality of life for everyone in Northwest Indiana by creating new job opportunities and attracting economic development to the region.

Pete is a leading advocate for major economic development projects in Northwest Indiana, including the recapitalization of the South Shore Rail Line, the Gary/Chicago International Airport, and the Marquette Plan, his lakeshore investment strategy. Pete is a member of the powerful Appropriations Committee and serves as Ranking Member on the Defense Subcommittee, where he works to protect America's fighting men and women on the battlefield and when they return home. As a member of the Energy and Water Subcommittee, Pete has also worked to

support investment in our national infrastructure—ports, harbors, and waterways—as well as protect our nuclear stockpile and encourage investments in energy technology to confront the energy crisis and reduce our dependence on foreign oil. In addition, Pete is affiliated with the following caucuses:

- Congressional Steel Caucus (Vice Chairman)
- Congressional Nuclear Security Working Group (Co-Chair)
- Congressional Buy American Caucus
- Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues
- Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues
- Congressional Caucus on India and Indian-Americans
- Congressional Caucus on Missing, Exploited and Runaway Children
- Congressional Dairy Farmers Caucus
- Congressional Diabetes Caucus
- Congressional Fire Caucus
- Congressional French Caucus
- Congressional Macedonian Caucus
- Congressional National Parks Caucus
- Congressional Serbian Caucus (Co-Chair)
- Congressional Slovak Caucus (Co-Chair)

- Friends of Switzerland Caucus
- Congressional Wine Caucus
- Congressional Wire and Wire Products Caucus
- Law Enforcement Caucus

Furthermore, Pete is a member of the Great Lakes Task Force.

Pete was born in Gary, Indiana, and graduated from Andean High School in Merrillville. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Indiana University Northwest, a Juris Doctorate from the University of Notre Dame Law School, and a Master of Laws in International and Comparative Law from Georgetown University Law Center. Pete is married to Joanne Royce, and has two sons, John and Tim.



U.S. Congressman Tom Cole

Currently serving in his seventh term, Tom Cole was elected to Congress in 2002. Identified by Time Magazine as "one of the sharpest minds in the House," Cole is an advocate for a strong national defense, a tireless advocate for taxpayers and small businesses, and a leader on issues dealing with Native Americans and tribal governments. Cole was named as one of the "Five Freshmen to Watch" by Roll Call at the outset of his congressional career.

Since 2009, Cole has served on the powerful House Appropriations Committee, where he is Chairman of the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS-Education); he is also assigned to the Subcommittees on Defense and Interior.

For the third consecutive Congress, Cole was reappointed to the House Budget Committee in 2015 as one of the three members of the majority party who also sits on the Appropriations Committee. He is currently considered the Senior Appropriator on the panel.

In 2013, Cole was appointed to serve on the House Rules Committee. In addition, Congressman Cole serves as a Deputy Whip for the Republican Conference and is a member of the Republican Steering Committee. In October 2013, he was appointed by Speaker Boehner and Budget Chairman Paul Ryan to serve as one of four House Republicans on a House-Senate joint budget conference committee that negotiated a bipartisan budget deal for fiscal years 2014 and 2015.

Tom Cole has a significant background of service to his home state of Oklahoma. He has served as the State Chairman of the Oklahoma Republican Party, District Director to former Congressman Mickey Edwards, a member of the Oklahoma State Senate and as Oklahoma's Secretary of State. In this capacity he served as former Governor Frank Keating's chief legislative strategist and liaison to the state's federal delegation. Keating tapped Cole to lead Oklahoma's successful effort to secure federal funds to assist in the rebuilding of Oklahoma City

in the wake of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building on April 19, 1995.

Cole is widely regarded as one of the GOP's top political strategists. He served as Executive Director of the National Republican Congressional Committee in the 1992 cycle. He also served as the Chief of Staff of the Republican National Committee during the historic 2000 cycle in which Republicans won the presidency, the Senate and the House for the first time in 48 years. In the 2008 cycle, Cole served as Chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee. Cole is a founding partner and past president of CHS & Associates, a nationally recognized political consulting and survey research firm based in Oklahoma City. The firm has been named one of the top 20 in its field and has literally dozens of past and current clients scattered across the country.

A former college instructor in history and politics, Cole holds a B.A. from Grinnell College, an M.A. from Yale University and a Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma. Cole has been a Thomas Watson Fellow and a Fulbright Fellow at the University of London. He serves on the Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents, as well as the national board of the Fulbright Association. He is also a member of the Congressional Advisory Board to the Aspen Institute.

Tom Cole is a fifth generation Oklahoman and an enrolled member of the Chickasaw Nation. He is currently one of only two Native Americans currently serving in Congress. He was awarded the Congressional Leadership award by the National Congress of American Indians in 2007 and 2011 and was inducted in the Chickasaw Hall of Fame in 2004. Cole's late mother, Helen, is also a member of the Chickasaw Hall of Fame and served as a state representative, state senator and the Mayor of Moore in her native state of Oklahoma. Cole's late father, John, served 20 years in the United States Air Force and worked an additional two decades as a civilian federal employee at Tinker Air Force Base.

Tom and his wife, Ellen, have one son, Mason, and reside in Moore, Oklahoma.



Congressman Henry Cuellar

- Currently serving his sixth term in the U.S. Congress on the House Appropriations Committee
- Began serving in Congress in 2005
- Served as a Texas State Representative for 14 years
- Served as the Texas Secretary of State
- Serves on the powerful House Committee on Appropriations in charge of overseeing the Federal budget
 - Serves on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security and House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development
- Regularly hosts "Community Office Hours" in the 28th District to stay in touch with his constituents
- With a total of 5 advanced degrees, Congressman Cuellar is the "Most Degreed Member" serving in the House

- Recognized by the City of Laredo with two schools named in his honor: the Doctor Henry Cuellar Elementary School and the Representative Henry Cuellar Charter School
- Honored as Laredoan of the Year, Distinguished Citizen of the Year and Humanitarian of the Year
- Elected Mr. South Texas 2008 for his significant contributions to the economic growth of Laredo and South Texas
- Serves on the Advisory Board of the Center for U.S. and Mexican Law at the University of Houston Law Center

In the 114th Congress, he currently serves on the influential House Appropriations Committee making him the only Texas Democrat to serve on the committee. This committee is in charge of overseeing the Federal budget, reviewing proposed expenditures and crafting the legislation that outlines annual spending for government agencies. Within this committee, Mr. Cuellar also serves on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security and House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development. Congressman Cuellar has been a legislative champion for government transparency and accountability, authoring and passing legislation in Congress to reform federal agency procedures and to eliminate bureaucratic redundancy. He serves as the Region IV Representative of the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee, where he guides policy and legislation in Congress through his leadership role. Congressman Cuellar is also a member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute.

As a member of the fiscally-conservative Blue Dog Coalition, Congressman Cuellar is dedicated to reducing the nation's deficit by reforming how Congress appropriates federal funds. In 2009, he worked with his Blue Dog colleagues to help pass the landmark Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) legislation to reign-in federal spending and restore the budget surpluses of the 1990's.

As Chairman and founder of the bi-partisan House Pro-Trade Caucus, Congressman Cuellar is widely regarded as a national trade expert in Washington D.C. Across Texas, businesses and communities alike applaud his support for the Central American Free Trade Agreement and the North American Free Trade Agreement. As the largest exporter of goods in the nation, Texas currently grosses more than \$100 billion a year by conducting trade with other nations.

Born as one of eight children to migrant farm workers in Laredo, Texas, Congressman Cuellar was raised with strong family values and an unwavering work ethic to attain an advanced education. As the most degreed member of Congress, he points to education as the platform for his two decades of public service in Texas.

After earning his associate's degree from Laredo Community College, he used the skills and confidence he gained to enroll in Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. While attending Georgetown, he washed dishes and worked other jobs to afford his college degree, graduating from Georgetown Cum Laude. When he returned to Texas, Congressman Cuellar completed a master's degree in International Trade at Texas A&M International University and earned a law degree and Ph.D. in Government from the University of Texas at Austin.

In 1981, Congressman Cuellar opened his own law firm and became a licensed customs broker in 1983. He worked at his beloved alma mater, TAMU, as an Adjunct Professor for International Commercial Law from 1984 to 1986. The following year, Congressman Cuellar decided to fully dedicate his life to public service and served as a Texas State Representative from 1987 until he was appointed as the Texas Secretary of State in 2001.

Congressman Cuellar and his wife, Imelda, reside in Laredo, Texas with their two daughters, Christy and Catie.



US Congressman Stephen Womack

Congressman Stephen A. Womack, 58, is a native of Russellville, Arkansas. After attending K-10 in Moberly, Missouri, Womack's family returned to Arkansas in 1973, and he graduated from Russellville High School in 1975. Womack earned a Bachelor's degree from Arkansas Tech University in 1979 and, after graduation, was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Arkansas Army National Guard.

In the fall of 1979, Steve relocated to Rogers where he and his father established KURM Radio, and he served as station manager from 1979-1990. In August of 1990, Steve accepted an assignment with the University of Arkansas Army ROTC program and served as Executive Officer of the program for six years. In 1996, Steve was hired as a financial consultant with Merrill Lynch.

On November 3, 1998, Steve was elected Mayor of Rogers and served in that capacity for twelve years. During his tenure, the City of Rogers experienced

exponential economic growth, adding \$1 billion in new development with major improvements to the city's infrastructure, retail services, and quality of life amenities.

Steve also served on numerous boards and commissions in Northwest Arkansas serving as Chairman of the Northwest Regional Planning Commission, Chairman of Rogers United Way, board member of the Rogers-Lowell Chamber of Commerce, and the Rogers Parks Commission. A former Rotarian, Steve is also a Paul Harris Fellow. In 2014, he was inducted into the Arkansas Tech University Hall of Distinction as a Distinguished Alumnus.

In the Army National Guard, Steve served in a variety of command and staff assignments, including command of 2nd Battalion, 153rd Infantry, 39th Separate Infantry Brigade. Following the tragic events of 9-11, Steve's battalion was mobilized for duty with the Multi-National Force and Observers (MFO), Sinai, Egypt in 2002. It marked the first time in the history of the 39th Brigade that a battalion was deployed overseas. It was also the first time in the MFO history the US Battalion mission was conducted by a pure National Guard unit. Steve's task force received praise from the highest levels of civil and military leadership around the world and is credited with convincing Army leadership of the capabilities and readiness of the Army Guard.

Steve retired with over thirty years of service from the Arkansas Army National Guard October 31, 2009, at the rank of Colonel. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and the Global War on Terror Expeditionary and Service Medals, and the Arkansas Distinguished Service Medals. Steve was inducted into the Arkansas Officer Candidate School

Hall of Fame in 2011, and in 2015, he was awarded the Harry S. Truman Award – the highest recognition conferred upon an individual by the National Guard Association of the United States – for his contributions of exceptional and far-reaching magnitude to the defense and security of the United States.

In the House, Steve serves on the Appropriations Committee and the Defense, Financial Services, and Labor-Health and Human Services subcommittees, as well as the House Budget Committee. Steve is also on the Whip Team and various caucuses.

Steve has been married to his wife, Terri, for 31 years, and they have three grown sons and two grandsons, Liam and Kaden.